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ered to the consulate letters and photographs found after death, which furnish satisfactory proof of identity. The patient was found sick on the street Sunday, July 24, and sent to the lazaretto, where he died the following Wednesday morning. In the lazaretto he was attended by one of the local physicians, who has official charge of the institution. Other physicians and myself have been permitted to visit the place, but only at the invitation of the gentleman in charge and in his company, not officially nor professionally. That privilege was withdrawn last Sunday, August 3, because of an order from the Federal authorities, forbidding admission to anyone other than the recognized sanitary officials of the State and Federal boards.

This exclusion will in no way prevent me from securing information of sanitary conditions as readily as heretofore. In this connection I may add that the room occupied by the patient the night of his arrival here, and also my private room to which he came once, were both well disinfected.

On August 3 two new cases of suspect yellow fever were sent to the lazaretto, but one of them has been discharged as not yellow fever, while the other is still under observation.

As long as the fever persists in Merida, and no restriction is imposed on passenger traffic between that place and this, I would respectfully suggest that this port be considered infected, whether any new cases of the fever be reported here or not.

*Report from Tampico.—Increase in malarial diseases.*

Assistant Surgeon McClintic reports, August 15, as follows:

During the week ended August 13, 1904, ten bills of health were issued, which included the fumigation of the British steamship *Louisianian*, August 11, for New Orleans; German steamship *Sardinia*, August 11, for New Orleans; Norwegian steamship *Farmand*, August 11, for Galveston; Norwegian steamship *Nor*, August 12, for New Orleans, and the British steamship *Oldhomia*, August 12, for Norfolk via Perth Amboy.

By request of the agent here, the line of steamships running from Tampico to Norfolk via Perth Amboy is furnished with triplicate bills of health. The health of this port remains the same except for a marked increase in the number of cases of malarial fever, which was to be expected in consequence of the great number of anopheles mosquitoes present.

The mortality report for the two weeks ended August 13 shows a total of 36 deaths from all causes, 3 of which are attributed to pernicious fever, 2 to intermittent fever, and 2 to paludism, but none to a quarantinable disease.

*Report from Veracruz.—Inspection of vessels.—Yellow fever.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Lumsden reports, August 15, as follows:

During the week ended August 13, 1904, 8 vessels bound for United States ports were inspected and given bills of health. The following vessels were fumigated with sulphur dioxid and given certificates: August 13, British steamship *Sahara*, bound for New Orleans; August 13, Danish steamship *St. Jan*, bound for New Orleans.

During the week there were recorded in the city of Veracruz 33 deaths (52.8 per 1,000, annual death rate) from all causes including 1

from yellow fever, 3 from pernicious fever, 2 from malarial cachexia, 2 from tuberculosis, 2 from pneumonia, 5 from entero-colitis, 2 from gastro-enteritis, and 3 from enteritis.

Four new cases of yellow fever were reported. Two of the cases occurred at San Juan de Uloa fortress, and 1 in the person of a soldier at the military barracks.

#### NICARAGUA.

##### *Report from Bluefields, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Reilley reports as follows: Week ended August 6, 1904. Present officially estimated population, 4,000; 2 deaths; prevailing diseases, malarial fever and tuberculosis; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

A bill of health was issued to the following-named vessel:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Aug. 3	Alabama .....	20	16	0	0

#### PANAMA.

##### *Report from Colon—Inspection of vessels.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, August 10, as follows:

During the week ended August 6, 1904, the following-named vessels cleared from the port of Colon for ports in the United States: British steamship *Mira* for New Orleans, August 2, with 35 crew and 1 passenger, via Mexican ports; American steamship *Allianca* for New York, August 3, with 64 crew and 52 passengers; American steamship *Finance* for New York, August 5, with 52 crew and no passengers.

#### PERU.

##### *Report from Callao—Plague conditions—Destruction of rats.*

Assistant Surgeon Lloyd reports, July 31, as follows: During the two weeks ended July 30 there were 15 new cases of plague in Lima, with 7 deaths. Twelve patients were discharged as cured, and there are 34 remaining under treatment. A few cases of smallpox have occurred in Lima and perhaps one or two in Callao, but none have been reported to this office. No cases of plague have been reported in Callao.

Mortuary statistics for Callao for the six months ended July 1 show an annual death rate of 40.8 per thousand. Causes of death are not given in the weekly reports sent, but official records give, among other causes, pneumonia, typhoid fever, meningitis, and pernicious fever almost every week.

During the two weeks under discussion 21 houses were disinfected in Lima, and the work of filling rat holes was prosecuted with vigor.